GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
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TAXES ON PETROLEUM PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether new taxes have been levied at various stages of production, import and sale of petroleum products in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the tax levied on it and the rate thereof;

(c) whether various surcharges and cess have also been levied in addition to these taxes;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the estimated average annual income earned through these taxes, cess and surcharges;

(f) whether the rates of such taxes, cess and surcharges are more than that of other countries in the world; and
(g) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

FINANCE MINISTER (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA)

a) No sir. No new customs duty on the import of petroleum products or excise duty on the production of petroleum products has been levied in the 2000-2001 Budget. Sales tax is a state subject and matters relating to its levy or concession are decided by the State Governments.

(b) Does not arise in view of the reply to (a) above

(c) No new surcharge or cess has been levied by the Central Government this year

(d) Does not arise in view of the reply to (c) above

(e): Does not arise since no new duties, cess or surcharge have been levied.

(f) and (g) Detailed information on the rate structure of indirect taxes on petroleum products,in other countries, is not available